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Re: USAC Administrator's Decision on appeal – Funding Year 2000-2001
Billed Entity Number: 140524
471 Application Number: 163580
Funding Request Number: 344966
Decision on Appeal: Denied in Full

Our School District has applied for USAC discounts for the Funding Year 2000-2001 and was denied on a portion of the service. The service in question was properly filed as **Internet Access** – but has been changed by USAC to – **Telecommunications Services**. We believe this service is improperly re-classified.

We were told to reference CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21.

We claim that EDLINK 12 Telecommunications Network is our **Internet Access** provider who provides **Videoconferencing** as “**Bundled Access**”.

The Videoconferencing element is not physically separable since it occurs over the existing Internet Connection provided by EDLINK12. There are no separate wires or access points which provide the videoconferencing service to our district. In fact, according to all the records that can be found, the videoconferencing element has only been used once in the 2000-2001 year.

According to CC Docket No. 96-45, in the section titled ‘Bundled Access’ pp 34 Bundled access means the service is being provided as package of services, which may contain components that are not eligible, or contain content. Bundled access to the Internet is eligible only when there is minimal content and it is the most cost effective means of securing non-content access to the Internet than other non-content alternatives.

We believe the Videoconferencing element is ‘**minimal content**’ and is the ‘**most cost-effective means of securing non-content access to the Internet**’ for our School District and likewise qualifies as ‘**Bundled Access**’.

We therefore propose that this connection was properly filed and classified as **Internet Access** – and that the appeal to USAC should be overturned in favor of our district in the Pre-Discount Amount of \$5,400.00.

James Rich
Technology Director
903-326-4502

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Attached:

CC Docket No. 96-45 – Page 34
USAC Funding Commitment Decision Letter
Administrators Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2000-2001
Form 470 -as found 5/4/01 at www.sl.universalservice.org/form470/ReviewAll.asp
FCC Form 471 – as found within our internal records dated 01/13/00

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Bundled Access	Bundled access means the service is being provided as package of services, which may contain components that are not eligible, or contain content. Bundled access to the Internet is eligible only when there is minimal content and it is the most cost effective means of securing non-content access to the Internet than other non-content alternatives.	Conditional
Unbundled Access	Unbundled access to the Internet means the eligible services being provided are available individually and are not a part of a package of services.	Yes
Browser	Browser is a generic term for software programs that allow the retrieval and display of documents from the World Wide Web. Also called "clients." Browsers can be graphical, allowing the display of graphic images as well as audio and video files with the appropriate helper applications, or text-based (like Lynx). Browsers are provided by Internet Service Providers as part of the package of services offered to their clients at no additional charge. As with other application software the cost of separate browsers purchased by schools and libraries is not eligible for discount.	Conditional
Caching Service	Caching service is a special high-speed storage mechanism. A block of high-speed memory at the border of a network and the Internet that holds frequently accessed Internet information, thereby reducing retrieval times for information often requested from the Internet. Caching servers owned by and caching service provided by an Internet Service Provider as part of Internet Access service are eligible for discount.	Conditional
Domain Name Registration	Domain Name is the portion of a symbolic name that corresponds to the network number in the IP address. In the symbolic name abc@xyz.org, the domain name is xyz.org. Domain Name Registration is the registering of the name and the charge associated with the registration process. Domain Name Registration and other Web related charges are eligible for discount, if they are components of services offered by the Internet Provider.	Conditional
DS-1 (Digital Signal 1)	DS-1, which stands for Digital Signal 1, is the North American Digital Hierarchy signaling standard for transmission at 1.544 Mbps. DS-1 supports 24 simultaneous DS-0 signals. The term DS-1 is often used interchangeably with T-1, although DS-1 signals may be exchanged over other transmission systems. DS-1 is an eligible Telecommunications Service. DS-1 can also be offered through an Internet service provider as a component of an Internet package used to provide access to the Internet. It is therefore eligible leased as Internet Access as well as a Telecommunications Service. The purchase of a DS-1 facility is not eligible. (see Wide Area Network)	Yes



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SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES DIVISION

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER

(Funding Year 3: 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2001)

May 5, 2000

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RICE INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT
Larry Baer
1302 SOUTH MCKINNEY
RICE, TX 75155-9631

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 163580
Funding Year 3: 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2001
Billed Entity Number: 140524

Thank you for your 2000-2001 E-rate application and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. We have completed review of your Form 471. This letter is to advise you of our decision(s).

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

On the pages following this letter, we have provided a Funding Commitment Report for the Form 471 application cited above. We have reviewed each Discount Funding Request on your Form 471 application and have assigned a Funding Request Number (FRN) to each Block 5. The enclosed report includes a list of the FRNs from your application. The SLD is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can be made to begin implementing your E-rate discount(s) upon the filing of your Form 486. Immediately preceding the Funding Commitment Report, you will find a guide that defines each line of the report.

NEXT STEPS

Once you have reviewed this letter and have determined that some or all of your requests have been funded, your next step to facilitate receipt of discounts as featured in this letter will be to file an FCC Form 486 with the SLD. The Form 486 notifies the SLD to begin payment to your service provider and provides certified indication that your technology plan(s) has been approved. THE FORM 486 IS UNDER REVISION AND WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AS SOON AS IT IS READY. Information will be posted on the SLD web site at www.sl.universalservice.org regarding the availability of this form for the funding period 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2001. As you complete Form 486, you should also contact your service provider to verify they have received notice from the SLD of your funding commitments. After the SLD processes your Form 486, we can begin processing invoices from your service provider(s) so they can be reimbursed for discounted services they have provided you.

TO APPEAL THESE FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISIONS

If you wish to appeal the Funding Commitment Decision(s) (FCD) indicated in this letter, your appeal must be made in writing and RECEIVED BY THE SLD at the address below WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE ABOVE DATE ON THIS LETTER. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address (if available) for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. Identify which FCD Letter you are appealing. Your letter of appeal must include the applicant name, the Form 471 Application Number, and the Billed Entity Number from the top of your FCD Letter.

885-203-8100

3. Identify the particular Funding Request Number (FRN) that is the subject of your appeal. When explaining your appeal, include the precise language or text from the Funding Commitment Decision Letter that is at the heart of your appeal. By pointing us to the exact words that give rise to your appeal, the SLD will be able to more readily understand and respond appropriately to your appeal. Please keep your letter brief and to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep copies of your correspondence and documentation.
4. Provide an original authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

Please send your appeal to: Letter of Appeal, Schools and Libraries Division, Box - Correspondence Unit, 80 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981. Appeals submitted by fax, phone call, and e-mail CANNOT be processed. While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with the SLD first, you have the option of filing an appeal directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC): FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445-12th Street SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Further information regarding filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "How to Apply, Step-by-Step" at the SLD web site www.sl.universalservice.org.

NOTICE ON RULES AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY

Applicants' receipt of funding commitments is contingent on their compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and procedural requirements of the universal service mechanism for schools and libraries. FCC Form 471 Applicants who have received funding commitments continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that SLD or the Federal Communications Commission may undertake periodically to assure that funds have been committed and are being used in accordance with all such requirements. If the SLD subsequently determines that its commitment was erroneously issued due to action or inaction, including but not limited to that by SLD, the Applicant, or Service Provider, and that the action or inaction was not in accordance with such requirements, SLD may be required to cancel these funding commitments and seek repayment of any funds disbursed not in accordance with such requirements. The SLD, and other appropriate authorities (including but not limited to USAC and the FCC), may pursue enforcement actions and other means of recourse to collect erroneously disbursed funds. The timing of payment of invoices may also be affected by the availability of funds based on the amount of funds collected from contributing telecommunications companies.

We look forward to continuing our work with you on connecting our schools and libraries through advanced telecommunications services.

Sincerely,

Kate L. Moore
President, Schools and Libraries Division, USAC

Enclosures

A GUIDE TO THE FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Attached to this letter will be a report for each E-rate funding request from your application. We are providing the following definitions.

- * **FUNDING REQUEST NUMBER (FRN):** A Funding Request Number is assigned by the SLD to each Block 5 of your Form 471 once an application has been processed. This number is used to report to Applicants and Service Providers the status of individual discount funding requests submitted on a Form 471.
- * **FUNDING STATUS:** Each FRN will have one of three definitions: "Funded," "Not Funded" or "As Yet Unfunded."
 1. An FRN that is "Funded" will be approved at the level that SLD determined is appropriate for that item. The funding level will generally be the level requested unless the SLD determines during the application review process that some adjustment is appropriate.
 2. An FRN that is "Not Funded" is one for which no funds will be committed. The reason for the decision will be briefly explained in the "Funding Commitment Decision," and amplification of that explanation may be offered in the section "Funding Commitment Decision Explanation." An FRN may be "Not Funded" because the request does not comply with program rules or, that the total amount of funding in the Universal Service Fund was insufficient to fund all requests.
 3. An FRN that is "As Yet Unfunded" reflects a temporary status that is assigned an FRN when the SLD is uncertain at the time the letter is generated whether there will be sufficient funds to make commitments for requests for internal connections at a particular discount level. For example, if your application included requests for discounts on both telecommunications services and internal connections, you might receive a letter with our funding commitment for your telecommunications funding requests and a message that your internal connection requests are "As Yet Unfunded." You would receive a subsequent letter(s) regarding the funding decision on your internal connections requests.
- * **SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number):** A unique number assigned by the Universal Service Administrative Company to service providers seeking payment from the Universal Service Fund for participating in the universal service support programs. A SPIN is also used to verify delivery of services and to arrange for payment.
- * **SERVICE PROVIDER NAME:** The legal name of the service provider.
- * **CONTRACT NUMBER:** The number of the contract between the eligible party and the service provider. This will be present only if a contract number was provided on Form 471.
- * **SERVICES ORDERED:** The type of service ordered from the service provider, as shown on Form 471.
- * **EARLIEST POSSIBLE EFFECTIVE DATE OF DISCOUNT:** The first possible date of service for which the SLD will reimburse service providers for the discounts for the service. Note: If the actual service start date provided on a Form 486 is later than this date, the actual service start date set forth in the Form 486 will be the effective date of the discount.
- * **CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE:** The date the contract expires. This will be present only if a contract expiration date was provided on Form 471.
- * **SITE IDENTIFIER:** The Entity Number listed in Form 471, Block 5, Item 22a will be listed. This will appear only for "site specific" FRNs.
- * **BILLING ACCOUNT NUMBER:** The account number that your service provider has established with you for billing purposes. This will be present only if a Billing Account Number was provided on Form 471.
- * **PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT:** Amount in Block 5, Item 23, Column I, Form 471, as determined through the application review process.
- * **DISCOUNT PERCENTAGE APPROVED BY THE SLD:** This is the discount rate that the SLD has approved for this service.
- * **FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION:** This represents the total amount of funding that the

SLD has reserved to reimburse service providers for the approved discounts for the service through June 30, 2001. It is important that you and the service provider both recognize that the SLD should be invoiced and the SLD may direct disbursement of discounts only for eligible, approved services actually rendered.

- * FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION EXPLANATION: This entry may amplify the comments in the "Funding Commitment Decision" area.

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 163580

Funding Request Number: 344188 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143004789 Service Provider Name: GTE Southwest Incorporated
Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: N/A
Billing Account Number: 416596379909294305
Pre-Discount Amount: \$4,800.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 75%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$3,600.00 - 471 approved as submitted

Funding Request Number: 344299 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143004038 Service Provider Name: GTE Communications Corporation
Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: N/A
Billing Account Number: 0000003064
Pre-Discount Amount: \$4,200.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 75%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$3,150.00 - 471 approved as submitted

Funding Request Number: 344368 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143004662 Service Provider Name: Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Internet Access
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: N/A
Billing Account Number: 214-132-9998-664-2
Pre-Discount Amount: \$14,400.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 75%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$10,800.00 - 471 approved as submitted

Funding Request Number: 344966 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143020015 Service Provider Name: EDLINK12 Telecommunications Network
Contract Number: NA
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2001
Billing Account Number: RICEISD
Pre-Discount Amount: \$5,400.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Invalid telecomm. provider
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: This FRN is a request for
Telecommunications Service (IETV), from a provider which is not a telecommunications
common carrier service provider.



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2000-2001

May 1, 2001

Larry Baer
Rice Independent School District
1302 South McKinney
Rice, TX 75155

Re: Billed Entity Number: 140524
 471 Application Number: 163580
 Funding Request Number(s): 344966
 Your Correspondence Dated: May 23, 2000

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Year Three Funding Commitment Decision for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 30-day time period for ~~appealing this decision~~ to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). If your letter of appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that for each application for which an appeal is submitted, a separate letter is sent.

Funding Request Number: 344966
Decision on Appeal: **Denied in full**
Explanation

- Your appeal stated that SLD should not have changed the service category. You are asking that the request be funded, because it is the most cost effective direct Internet access solution available and the service should be treated as a bundled access eligibility description.
- The contract/service agreement/item 21 attachments that you provided indicate that you have selected option 3 of your basic service plan, which includes Internet access and Video Conferencing.
- SLD's review of your application determined that Video Conferencing has to be categorized in the bucket of telecommunications services. The telecommunications provider you selected: EdLink 12 is not eligible to receive universal service support because it does not provide telecommunications services on a common carrier basis.

You did not demonstrate in your appeal that the telecommunications provider you selected is an eligible provider. Consequently, SLD denies your appeal.

- Your Form 471 indicates that you selected an ineligible telecommunications provider: EdLink 12. FCC regulations provide that only telecommunications carriers are eligible for universal service support. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.501(a). FCC regulations define telecommunications carriers as any provider of telecommunications services, and telecommunications services as “the offering of telecommunications for a fee directly to the public, or to such classes of users as to be effectively available directly to the public, regardless of the facilities used.” 47 C.F.R. § 52.5(g), (h). Because this mirrors the common law definition of a “common carrier,” the FCC has determined that to be eligible to receive universal service support, the provider must provide telecommunications services on a common carrier basis. See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, *Report and Order*, FCC 97-157 ¶ 134 (rel. May 8, 1997).

If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your application, you may file an appeal with the Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Please reference CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 on the first page of your appeal. Before preparing and submitting your appeal, please be sure to review the FCC rules concerning the filing of an appeal of an Administrator’s Decision, which are posted on the website at <www.universalservice.org>. **You must file your appeal with the FCC no later than 30 days from the date on this letter for your appeal to be filed in a timely fashion.**

We thank you for your continued support, patience, and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

470

Schools and Libraries Universal Service Description of Services Requested and Certification Form

Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response: 5.0 hours

This form is designed to help you describe the eligible telecommunications-related services you seek so that this data can be posted on the Fund Administrator website and interested service providers can identify you as a potential customer and compete to serve you.

Please read instructions before completing.

(To be completed by entity that will negotiate with providers.)

Block 1: Applicant Address and Identifications (School, library, or consortium desiring Universal Service funding.)

Form 470 Application Number: 270620000326979	
Applicant's Form Identifier: RISD4700102	
Application Status: CERTIFIED	
Posting Date: 12/11/2000	
Allowable Contract Date: 01/08/2001	
Certification Received Date: 12/13/2000	

1. Name of Applicant: RICE INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT			
2. Funding Year: 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2002		3. Your Entity Number 140524	
4. Applicant's Street Address, P.O.Box, or Route Number			
a. Street 1302 South McKinney			
City RICE	State TX	Zip Code 5Digit 75155	Zip Code 4Digit
b. Telephone number (903) 326- 4287		c. Fax number (903) 326- 4900	

d. E-mail Address

dra44@hotmail.com

5. Type Of Applicant (*Check only one box*)

☐ Library (including library system, library branch, or library consortium applying as a library)

☐ Individual School (individual public or non-public school)

☒ School District (LEA; public or non-public[e.g., diocesan] local district representing multiple schools)

☐ Consortium (intermediate service agencies, states, state networks, special consortia)

6a. Contact Person's Name: Larry Baer

6b. Street Address, P.O.Box, or Route Number (If different from Item 4)

☒ 1302 South McKinney

City	State	Zip Code 5Digit	Zip Code 4Digit
RICE	TX	75155	

☐ 6c. Telephone Number (10 digits + ext.) (903) 326- 4287

☐ 6d. Fax Number (10 digits) (903) 326- 4900

☐ 6e. E-mail Address (50 characters max.) dra44@hotmail.com

Block 2: Summary Description of Needs or Services Requested

7 This Form 470 describes (check all that apply):

a. ☒ Tariffed services - telecommunications services, purchased at regulated prices, for which the applicant has no signed, written contract. A new Form 470 must be filed for tariffed services for each funding year.

b. ☐ Month-to-month services for which the applicant has no signed, written contract. A new Form 470 must be filed for these services for each funding year.

c. ☒ Services for which a new written contract is sought for the funding year in Item 2.

d. ☐ A multi-year contract signed on or before 7/10/97 but for which no Form 470 has been filed in a previous program year.

NOTE: Services that are covered by a qualified contract for all or part of the funding year in Item 2 do NOT require filing of Form 470. A qualified contract is a signed, written contract executed pursuant to posting a Form 470 in a previous program year OR a contract signed

on/before 7/10/97 and reported on a Form 470 in a previous year as an existing contract.

8 ☒ Telecommunications Services

Do you have a Request for Proposal (RFP) that specifies the services you are seeking ?

a ☐ YES, I have an RFP. Choose one of the following: It is available on the Web at
or via ☐ the Contact Person in Item 6 or ☐ the contact listed in Item 11.

b ☒ NO, I do not have an RFP for these services.

If you answered NO, you must list below the Telecommunications Services you seek. Specify each service or function (e.g., local voice service) and quantity and/or capacity (e.g., 20 existing lines plus 10 new ones). See the Eligible Services List at www.sl.universalservice.org for examples of eligible Telecommunications Services, and remember that only common carrier telecommunications companies can provide these services under the universal service support mechanism. Add additional lines if needed.

Service or Function:	Quantity and/or Capacity:
local phone service	14 existing - 10 requested
cellular service	0 existing - 5 requested
long distance phone service	1 existing - 0 requested
paging service	0 existing - 5 requested

9 ☒ Internet Access

Do you have a Request for Proposal (RFP) that specifies the services you are seeking ?

a ☐ YES, I have an RFP. Choose one of the following: It is available on the Web at
or via ☐ the Contact Person in Item 6 or ☐ the contact listed in Item 11.

b ☒ NO, I do not have an RFP for these services.

If you answered NO, you must list below the Internet Access Services you seek. Specify each service or function (e.g., monthly Internet service) and quantity and/or capacity (e.g., for 500 users). See the Eligible Services List at www.sl.universalservice.org for examples of eligible Internet Access Services. Add additional lines if needed.

Service or Function:	Quantity and/or Capacity:
monthly internet service	1 existing w/300+ capacity
T1 line	1 existing

10 ☒ Internal Connections

Do you have a Request for Proposal (RFP) that specifies the services you are seeking ?

a ☒ **YES**, I have an RFP. Choose one of the following: It is available on the Web at
or via ☐ the Contact Person in Item 6 or ☐ the contact listed in Item 11.

b ☐ **NO**, I do not have an RFP for these services.

If you answered NO, you must list below the Internal Connections Services you seek. Specify each service or function (e.g., local area network) and quantity and/or capacity (e.g., connecting 10 rooms and 300 computers at 56Kbps or better). See the Eligible Services List at www.sl.universalservice.org for examples of eligible Internal Connections Services. Add additional lines if needed.

Service or Function:	Quantity and/or Capacity:
Local area network	3 new ones requested to connect 50 rooms w/150+ computers

11 (Optional) Please name the person on your staff or project who can provide additional technical details or answer specific questions from service providers about the services you are seeking. This need not be the contact person listed in Item 6 nor the signer of this form.

Name:	Title:
David Allen	Tech Coordinator

Telephone number (10 digits +
(903) 326 - 4287

Fax number
(903) 326 -

E-mail Address (50 characters max.)
dra44@hotmail.com

12. ☐ Check here if there are any restrictions imposed by state or local laws or regulations on how or when providers may contact you or on other bidding procedures. Please describe below any such restrictions or procedures, and/or give Web address where they are posted.

13. (Optional) Purchases in future years: If you have plans to purchase additional services in future years, or expect to seek new contracts for existing services, summarize below (including the likely time-frames).

Block 3: Technology Assessment

14. ☐ **Basic telephone service only:** If your application is for basic local and long distance voice telephone service only, check this box and skip to Item 16.
15. Although the following services and facilities are ineligible for support, they are usually necessary to make effective use of the eligible services requested in this application. Unless you indicated in Item 14 that your application is ONLY for basic telephone service, you must check at least one box in (a) through (e). You may provide details for purchases being sought.
- a. Desktop communications software: Software required ☒ has been purchased; and/or ☐ is being sought.
- b. Electrical systems: ☒ adequate electrical capacity is in place or has already been arranged; and/or ☐ upgrading for additional electrical capacity is being sought.
- c. Computers: a sufficient quantity of computers ☒ has been purchased; and/or ☒ is being sought.
- d. Computer hardware maintenance: adequate arrangements ☒ have been made; and/or ☐ are being sought.
- e. Staff development: ☒ all staff have had an appropriate level of training or additional training has already been scheduled; and/or ☐ training is being sought.
- f. Additional details: Use this space to provide additional details to help providers to identify the services you desire.

Block 4: Recipients of Service

16. Eligible Entities That Will Receive Service:

Check the ONE choice that best describes this application and the eligible entities that will receive the services described in this application.

You must select a state if (b) or (c) is selected:

- a. ☒ **Individual school or single-site library:** Check here, and enter the billed entity in Item 17.

b. ☒ **Statewide application (check all that apply):**

- ☐ All public schools/districts in the state:
- ☐ All non-public schools in the state:
- ☐ All libraries in the state:

If your statewide application includes INELIGIBLE entities, check here. ☐ If checked, complete Item 18.

c. ☒ **School district, library system, or consortium application to serve multiple eligible sites:**

Number of eligible sites	
<i>For these eligible sites, please provide the following</i>	
Area Codes (list each unique area code)	Prefixes associated with each area code (first 3 digits of phone number) separate with commas, leave no spaces
If your application includes INELIGIBLE entities, check here. <input type="checkbox"/> If checked, complete Item	

17. Billed Entities

Entity Name	Entity Number
RICE INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT	140524

18. Ineligible Entities

Ineligible Participating Entity	Entity Number	Area Code	Prefix
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Block 5: Certification

19. The applicant includes:(Check one or both)

- a. ☒ schools under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools found in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. Secs. 8801(14) and (25), that do not operate as for-profit businesses, and do not have endowments exceeding \$50 million; and/or
- b. ☐ libraries or library consortia eligible for assistance from a State library administrative agency under the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996 that do not operate as for-profit businesses and whose budgets are completely separate from any school (including, but not limited to) elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities.

20. All of the individual schools, libraries, and library consortia receiving services under this application are covered by:

- a. ☒ individual technology plans for using the services requested in the application
- b. ☐ higher-level technology plans for using the services requested in the application
- c. ☐ no technology plan needed; application requests basic local and long distance telephone service only.

21. Status of technology plans (if representing multiple entities with mixed technology plan status, check both a and b):

- a. ☐ technology plan(s) has/have been approved by a state or other authorized body.
- b. ☒ technology plan(s) will be approved by a state or other authorized body.
- c. ☐ no technology plan needed; application requests basic local and long distance telephone service only. .

22. ☒ I certify that the services the applicant purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. Sec. 254 will be used solely for educational purposes and will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value.

23. ☒ I recognize that support under this support mechanism is conditional upon the school(s) or library(ies) I represent securing access to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, maintenance, and electrical connections necessary to use the services purchased effectively.

24. ☒ I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the above-named entities, that I have examined this request, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.

25. Signature of authorized person: ☒

26. Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 12/11/2000

27. Printed name of authorized person: Larry Baer

28. Title or position of authorized person: **Superintendent**

29. Telephone number of authorized person: **(903) 326 - 4287** ext.

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FCC Form 471

Services Ordered and Certification Form

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Applicant's Form Identifier: RISD4710001

Entity Number: 140524

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Block 5: Discount Funding Request(s)

Funding Request Number(FRN): (assigned by Administrator)

11. Category of Service (only ONE category should be checked)☒ **Telecommunications Service** ☐ **Internet Access** ☐ **Internal Connections**

12	Form 470 Application Number (15 digits)	878030000260578
13	SPIN - Service Provider Identification Number (9 digits)	143020015
14	Service Provider Name	EDLINK12 Telecommunications Network
15	Contract Number (if available, use "T" if tariffed services, "MTM" if month-to-month contract - see Help file for more details)	NA
16	Billing Account Number (e.g. billed telephone number)	RICEISD
17	Allowable Contract Date (from Form 470 referenced in #12 above)	12/30/1999
18	Contract Award Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
19	Service Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	07/01/2000
20	Contract Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	

21. Description of This Service: You MUST forward a description of this service on paper, including a breakdown of components and costs, plus any relevant brand names. Label this paper description with an Attachment #, and note number here:

Attachment # RSCR001

22. Entity/Entities Receiving This Service:

a. If the service is site-specific (provided to one site and not shared by others), select the Entity Number of the entity from Block 4 receiving this service:

b. If the service is shared by all entities on a Block 4 worksheet, select the worksheet number:

23. Calculations

a.	Monthly charges (total amount per month for service)	<input type="text" value="450"/>
b.	How much of the amount in (a) is ineligible?	<input type="text" value="0"/>
f.	Annual non-recurring (one-time) charges	<input type="text" value="0"/>
g.	How much of the amount in (f) is ineligible?	<input type="text" value="0"/>

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